

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESKTOP

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Welcome to the winter 2008 issue. I hope you enjoy this issue's offerings. Once again Indiana librarians and staff have proven that they are in the forefront on current library issues. Julie Bobay discusses an exciting new opportunity for libraries to engage researchers and readers alike, institutional repositories, while Emily Winburn talks about an oral history project. Tamara Marquam and Vicki Parker inform us on how homeschoolers and their families utilize libraries while J. Douglas Archer talks about serving the religious needs of our communities. Angela Clements takes us for a ride in her bookmobile, an article that brought back fond memories of my own earliest introduction to libraries. Jason Hatton, Denise Wirrig, and Dave Miller give us suggestions on how to make the library visible to businesses and nonprofits, and Teresa Williams talks about how to connect with the campus community. Julie Frew and Lettie Haver discuss young adult programming, and Susan Frey and Anthony Kaiser show us the importance of reference-as-place. Bill Helling keeps us up-to-date with technology in his article about RSS feeds while Lynn Hoffman expands on the technology topic with her article on Web 2.0. Chris Schellenberg shares her library's Big Read project success story, and Ryan Schwier's informative essay enlightens us on preserving Indiana's historic public libraries. Pamela Martin-Diaz and Christina Jones and Mary Frasier write companion pieces about a topic



that touches on every library, in one way or another, early childhood literacy. William Meehan's title, *On Loving the Book*, sums up my feelings, and perhaps yours too; his article is about connoisseurship and the archivist. Amanda Piegza talks about one of the most difficult tasks for a leader to do effectively, that of delegation. We also have our customary pieces: Ryan Weir talks to a SLIS faculty member and student to see what our soon-to-be librarians are learning; Mary Stanley offers us sage advice on human resources concerns; Marissa Priddis, our well-read librarian, talks about resources for boards of trustees; Jacob Eubanks interviews local author Eugene Gloria; and the State Library keeps us informed about what is happening in libraries around Indiana. Entitled "The Indiana State Library: Open for Exploration," the last article is by Roberta Brooker, Indiana State Librarian, who rounds out this issue by informing us about our wonderful state library.

I hope you enjoy reading this issue. Stay warm and stay in touch.